Amendments to the Specification:

Please note that page and line numbers are based on published PCT application number WO 03/105022, which represents the subject matter of this U.S. national phase application.

1) Please add the following <u>new</u> section at page 1, line 3, following the title of the invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS
This application is a 371 of PCT/GB03/02180 filed on May 20, 2003, which claims priority from United Kingdom patent application number 0212934.4 filed on June 6, 2002, both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

2) Please add the following <u>new</u> section heading before the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 4, which starts with "The present invention relates to":

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

3) Please add the following <u>new</u> section heading before the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 17, which starts with "Many organizations throughout industry and commerce":

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

4) Please add the following <u>new</u> section heading before the paragraph that begins at page 6, line 6, which starts with "It is an object of the present invention":

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5) Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 6, line 6, which starts with "It is an object of the present invention," with the following amended paragraph:

~~It is an object of the present invention to~~ <u>Embodiments of the present invention may</u> provide a form design tool that automatically generates an appropriate form layout for presentation to a user during a data capture process, based on an architect's specification of data items, validation criteria and rule-based execution criteria.

6) Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 6, line 11, which starts with "It is a further object of the invention," with the following amended paragraph:

~~It is a further object of the invention to~~ <u>Embodiments of the present invention may also</u> provide a software application that enables an architect to define his or her data capture requirements, the criteria for validation of the data and the rule-based actions governing outcomes based on the data input, to create a data capture definition file that can subsequently be used by a presentation / execution program to automatically generate a data capture form layout for presentation to a user, and execute data capture therefrom, in which the data capture definition file is platform independent.

7) Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 7, line 1, which starts with "The present invention recognises," with the following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention recognises that~~ <u>In accordance with embodiments of the present invention,</u> the process of defining the "intent" of the forms - ie. the process of specifying the data to be captured, by a business expert, can be divorced from the definition of the actual form layout. ~~The present invention also recognises that~~ <u>Also,</u> the form layout can be effected independently and

automatically when the specification of the data to be captured has been provided in a suitable hierarchical manner.

8) Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 7, line 8, which starts with "The present invention provides," with the following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention provides a~~ <u>A</u> software application program ~~which enables~~ <u>may be provided to enable</u> an organisation to centrally define, manage and maintain their intent for electronic data capture requirements, which is effected by means of documents conforming to predetermined standards that can be deployed in multiple environments, where they are executed as forms.

9) Please add the following <u>new</u> section heading before the paragraph that begins at page 9, line 12, which starts with "Embodiments of the present invention will now be described":

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

10) Please add the following <u>new</u> section heading before the paragraph that begins at page 12, line 24, which starts with "With reference to figures 1 and 2":

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

11) Please add the following abstract on a separate sheet following the claims, as follows:

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